

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 13, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Applicants appreciate the indication by the Examiner that claims 11, 12, and 13 recite allowable subject matter.

With this response, claims 1-5 and 14-18 are amended, and claims 6, 8-13, 19, and 20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claim 23 has been added. Support for the subject matter of claim 23 can be found at least in paragraph [0039] of Applicants' specification as filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 14-20 and 23 are rejected by the Examiner. Claims 11-13 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but being otherwise allowable. Claims 1-5, 14-20, and 23 are pending in the subject application, with claims 21 and 22 having been previously withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6, 8-10 and 14, 15, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoshi et al. in view of Cram. Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 6, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is moot as claims 6, 19, and 20 have been canceled with this response.

With this response, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of previous claim 11 identified as allowable by the Examiner. New claim 23 includes the subject matter of previous claim 11 identified as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 23 are allowable and that claims 2-5 and 14-20 are allowable at least by way of their dependencies from claim 1.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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